

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

NO. 21

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H.P. 21 House of Representatives, January 16, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested  
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT to Repeal the Sardine Inspection Tax.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
follows:

32 MRSA §4156, as amended by PL 1983, c. 85, §1,  
is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under the Maine sardine laws, Maine Revised Stat-  
utes, Title 32, section 4156, every sardine packer  
must pay a monthly fee on all canned sardines and  
canned herring products which is used to underwrite  
the cost of mandatory state inspection to protect the  
health and safety of the consumer of these products.  
These are the only state food products which are in-

1     spected by the State for health and safety purposes  
2     in which the producer is taxed for this inspection.  
3     The costs of all other mandatory food inspections are  
4     borne by the General Fund of the State. This bill  
5     repeals the sardine tax.

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